



# LARC



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REGULAR MEETING

Thursday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, - 7 PM  
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.  
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM - Door Prizes

### HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Hammond, LA—January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
AARA Hamfest—March 21 & 22, 2008

### Each Monday, 7:00 p.m.

AARA Net 146.820 - 600

### Each Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

ARES Net 145.370 - 600 PL 103.5  
YL/XYL / Filly Net 146.820 - 600

### Each Wednesday

#### Lunch Bunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery  
Check 146.820 - repeater for info  
Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM  
147.060 +600

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 1:00 p.m.

HEAL Net 146.820 - 600

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## President's Message for 2008

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!** By the time you read this either online or in print, a new year will either have passed or will be right around the corner. 2007 has been a great year for the club. We've completed several of our goals that we discussed at the beginning of the year. New membership has increased dramatically with the completion of the introductory classes. Participation in our events have been quite successful, and hopefully all of our members feel welcome and enjoy our monthly gatherings.

I started out the year as the Vice President and ended it being the President. While I may not be the most professional and "by the book" president the club has had in some time, I hope that it will continue to inject a breath of fresh air into our activities. While I understand that we'll have several projects, events and business that will need to be taken care of during our meetings each month, I hope that the club remains as I've always envisioned it, a place to gather to visit with those that we've talked to in the past, face to face. We're all here to have fun! At heart, this is just a hobby, and it's something that we seem to need to remind ourselves of more and more lately. We're all friends and although we may not always agree, in the end, it's ham radio that draws us all together.

We have a few things to discuss at our next meeting. We'll focus on the status of the hamfest and the fiasco that may ensue because of the date. Hopefully this will work itself out, as we've only 1 year left before we return to normal. IRLP/EchoLink is in the works for the 7.04 repeater, and hopefully this will increase the usage of it as well as bring in new people from far off places to visit with us in our wonderful area. I want people's input on these things as it's your club. You may not get it your way initially, but all angles of a discussion will always be considered.

See you in 2008!

73

Charlie KI5XP

## Time to Pay Your AARA Membership Dues

I know that right after Christmas is a bad time to be asking you to pay your dues, but like other clubs, they are necessary. Go to the AARA web-site at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/memberlist/htm>

Download the "Membership Application", fill it out completely. Be sure to include your birthday, e-mail address, and if you are a ARRL member. Send in the appropriate funds to the address on the application.

If you attend the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, you can pick up an application and pay at the meeting.

This will keep you on the "members only" e-mail list for information pertaining to club members.

## United States Postal Service decides Louisiana Section Manager Election

Reprinted from the Jefferson ARC Website—The President's Corner

At 2007-12-14 1105HRS CST our president wrote...

The petition nominating Bob McBride, AE5RN, for Louisiana Section Manager was accepted by the US Post Office on December 1, 2007 and sent via 3 day Priority Mail to the ARRL with a request for Signature at delivery. When the Signature receipt had not been returned, I called the ARRL to see if the package had been delivered on Monday December 10. Steve Ewald of the League said it had not and since it was not in the League's possession by the close of business on December 7 that it would not be accepted per the League's rules.

The Post Office notified me that it had delivered the package December 13 at 10:30 AM to a courier who picked up the League's mail. We asked the League to consider the evidence of the good faith effort to get the petition to the League and the Elections and Ethics Committee said no. The rule is specific.

SOOO...The members of the Louisiana Section's desire to have an election for their Section Manager is being disregarded by the League and the League is in fact allowing a Governmental, Beaurocratic agency, namely the United States Postal Service dictate what the members can have.

The League is the membership. Without members to support the League it does not exist. If the Executive Committee does not see the error in this rule and the implications that it can have on the future of the Organization, and initiate change in obviously flawed policy, then it will, like many phases of our hobby, die!

Congratulations to Gary Stratton W5GLS who at this time appears to be the only candidate who has qualified for Section Manager in Louisiana. Please offer him your support as he tries to improve things in our State.

Keith W5KB—President Jefferson Amateur Radio Club

## 48<sup>th</sup> Acadiana Hamfest 2008-LA State Convention

Little did we know two years ago, when the City of Rayne assigned an open date in March for the Civic Center, that the dates fell on an Easter weekend (March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>). Because of this unfortunate circumstance, our Hamfest chairperson and those involved with our hamfest have contacted the venders and they see no problems with the new schedules at this time. Hopefully all those attending will not see any problems. Check our hamfest web page for updates and 2008 hamfest flyer.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

## HEAL NET

Be sure to check in on the HEAL NET every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 1:00 PM local time on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. Larry KE5KJD called the net for December and will appreciate anyone wishing to

### November HEAL Net Report

| DATE:    | Medical Personnel | Guest | Medical Facilities | Time / Traffic |
|----------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------|
| 12/07/07 | 5                 | 5     | 4                  | 16 min/1       |
| 12/21/07 | 2                 | 8     | 2                  | 24 min/3       |

## December 2007 VE Test Session Results

Here are the results of the December meeting test session.

James B. Roberts of Abbeville passed his technician and now has the call KE5RUM. James was in the Children's Museum of Acadiana class.

Fred R. Marshall W5MLE upgraded to Extra

John D. Tate upgraded to Extra.

The VE's were:

Danny Griffith K5ARH

Charles Morrison KI5XP

Albert Fabacher KF5WP

Greg Dolan K5LFT

Gerard Murphy KD5VPC

Danny K5ARH

## Upcoming Notable Events for 2008

**January 3**—AARA Club Meeting

**January 6**—Kids Day

**February 5**—Mardi Gras Parade

**February 9 & 10**—LA QSO Party

**March 21-22**—AARA Hamfest

**June 28 & 29**—Field Day 2008

More to follow in later issues for the LARC.

## Wanted

The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. is now underway to set up EchoLink on the 147.040 repeater in Lafayette, LA.

The club is looking for a low power 2 meter transceiver and a sound card interface such as a RigBlaster. If you have or know of anyone that has these items they are willing to part with, please contact:

Dick Melcher WA6MDI  
wa6mdi@cox.net

## State EOC Test

On Friday December 18, 2007 at 0930 many of the state EOC (Emergency Operations Centers) participated in a state-wide test on 7.285 MHz and 3873 KHz with other Parish EOC stations. Unfortunately, I was not able to take part due to other commitments. I understand that everything went well.

Another test will be conducted at a latter date.

Those at the Lafayette Parish EOC were: Ed Roy WA5TNK (Lafayette Parish EC), John Martin KA5BSE, and Dags Whittemore KE5CGN.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK  
Assistant Lafayette Parish EC

## Our Thanks

At this time the amateur radio community would like take time to express our thanks to one "Special" amateur radio operator that has devoted time to volunteer to be Net Control Station for three of Acadiana 2 meter weekly nets.

This person is Ray Arceneaux N5LRZ. Ray calls the Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club Net on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM on the 147.150 repeater, the AARA Monday Night Net on the 146.820 repeater at 7:00 PM on Mondays, and the Acadiana ARES Net on the 145.370 repeater on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM.

Ray is also a VE with a Extra Class License and helps with a lot of the VE test session for clubs in the Acadiana area.

## 27<sup>th</sup> SELARC Hamfest 2008

Sponsored by:



**Southeast Louisiana ARC  
Hammond, Louisiana**

**Date:** January 19, 2008

**Time:** 7 am to 1 pm

**Place:** University Center on S.L.U. campus in Hammond, La.

**Talk-in:** 147.000 -

**Free Admission:**

Swap Tables \$15.00

Vendor Tables \$20.00

**Forums:**

MARS, ARES/RACES, SkyWarn, AMSAT

**ARRL VE Testing for:**

Technician, General, Extra (morse code testing also)

### Door Prizes

**1<sup>st</sup> Grand Prize:** Yaesu FT-890 quad band with remote kit.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grand Prize:** Yaesu FT-880 dual band with remote kit.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Prize:** Yaesu FT-2800 single band.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grand Prize:** FT-1802 single band

**Contact:**

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985-351-8315

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or visit our web page at:

[www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm](http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm)

A hamfest flyer is available in .PDF format for printing at:

[www.selarc.org/HamfestFlyer.pdf](http://www.selarc.org/HamfestFlyer.pdf)

## Picture of the Recent Ham Radio Class



**Front Row:** Jim Wattigny KE5RPK, Archibal Hill KE5RPM, Donald Guidry KE5RPO, Gayle Guidry KE5RPN and Karen Marshall KE5RPI.

**2nd Row:** Roland Guidry NA5Q, Robert Roy KE5RPC, Catherine Roy KE5RPH, Lauren Roy, Cheri Valenti KE5RPE, Donald Comeaux, Glenda Tucker KE5RPG and Jack Myers KE5RPJ.

**3rd Row:** Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Allison Roy, Leah Wyatt KE5RPF, Barbara Fain KE5RPP, Joe Fain, Sr. KE5RPQ, Jo Ann Pugh KE5RPL and Paula Roberts KE5RPD.

Missing from picture: Bruce Roberts, Spencer Smith, Scott Smith, Carl Duhon and Carolyn Duhon (All of these have since tested or will test at the January meeting).

## AARA Purchases New Mobile Tower

At the December board meeting, it was agreed that the AARA purchase a tower that will be mounted on a small trailer. This is to replace our old tower that was recently sold. The old tower/trailer required a heavy duty tow vehicle plus setup required numerous amount of man-power and maintenance, therefore the club decided to put it up for sale and obtain a more manageable tower to use on remote locations.

A three year old MA-550 Tubular tower was located on QTH.com and has been purchased. It is located in the Shreveport area and plans are under way to go pick it up. It has a maximum extended height (without mast) of 55'. Its minimum nested height is 22'1" and the tower weighs 435 lbs. This tower consists of 3 sections, the top one being a 3" square tube and the bottom being a 6" OD tube. It comes with a hand winch, a flat base and cable.

A trailer will be purchased or built for this new tower. The full story will be given at the January 3rd AARA General Meeting.



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|------|-----------|--------|
| 1/1  | NICK      | K5QXJ  |
| 1/3  | BARBARA   | N5AUO  |
| 1/5  | ARCHIBALD | KE5RPM |
| 1/7  | MARK      | KE5LCF |
| 1/9  | CHAD      | KE5LBY |
| 1/9  | JACK      | KE5LAY |
| 1/10 | DAVID     | N5EEH  |
| 1/18 | KEITH     | KE5LCI |
| 1/20 | STRATOS   | KE5I   |
| 1/26 | CHARLES   | KE5LBO |

## AARA Presented Field Day 2007 Plaque

"The 2007 LA Section Field Day plaques were presented during the ARRL Forum at the Twin City Hamfest in Monroe. W5DDL (Acadiana ARA), N5RD/KB5WFE (Minden ARA) and K5DF/K5LSU (Baton Rouge ARC) received plaques in recognition of their outstanding performance in the 1A, 2A, and 3A category, respectively. I've just learned from W5XU (BRARC FD Chairman) that K5DF/K5LSU came in FIRST place in the country in the 3A Battery category! A quick check of the on-line scores on the League web site also shows that W5DDL came in fifth place nationally in the 1A category. Congratulations to the three plaque winners and kudos to everyone who participated in this year's Field Day." And a GREAT BIG THANKS go to Charlie Morrison KI5XP as the AARA Field Day 2007 Chairperson.

Roland NA5Q



Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership application, this is why some may not be on the list.

## January 2008 Special Events & Contests

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Jan 1       | ARRL Straight Key Night—See Dec. 2007 page 98.                           |
| Jan 5       | WOCS—Mississippi Lock and Dam 13 Bald Eagle Watch                        |
| Jan 5 & 6   | ARRL RTTY Roundup—See Dec. 2007 page 97                                  |
| Jan 6       | Kids Day   |
| Jan 12 & 13 | North American QSO Party   |
| Jan 13      | W2V—Ham Radio demonstration at Ham Radio University 2008                 |
| Jan 19      | W4B—Florida's largest Civil War reenactment                              |
| Jan 19 & 20 | ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes   |
| Jan 19 & 20 | International United Teenager Contest—for operators under 18             |
| Jan 26 & 27 | CQ WW 160 Meter Contest—CW   |
| Jan 26 & 27 | AL7LS—Release date for movie <i>Hot Rods to Hell</i> on January 27, 1967 |

These are just a few of the Special Events & Contests Check QST or ARRL Website for details and QSL information.

## Welcome New AARA Members

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| ARCHIBALD HILL | KE5RPM |
| STEVE MORGAN   | KE5UGC |
| DEBORAH MORGAN | KE5VDK |
| PAULA ROBERTS  | KE5RPD |
| BRUCE ROBERTS  |        |
| KAREN MARSHALL | KE5RPI |
| NILES STELLY   | KE5RKN |
| DICK MELCHER   | WA6MDI |
| KATIE MELCHER  | KA6RKI |
| KETH VERRET    | KE5QKE |



## November 2007 Louisiana Section PIO Report

By Virginia Bryant—KE5DJA

The Louisiana Scholarship Fund urged all Senior High School students who have a ham radio license to apply and take advantage of the Louisiana Ham Radio Scholarship. Application are still open and being accepted until February 1, 2008. Any question can be answer by contacting Mr. Jim Molan KD5IGG @BELL SOUTH.NET or ARRL.ORG.

The ARRL HQ announced that the DIAMOND TERRACE recognizes donors wishing to have their own call sign's or to honor family or elmer thru donation will be personalized in a 4 X 8 inch laser engraved bricks, that will be place in the front entrance of the ARRL HQ. There are still few bricks available. Information can be found in [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) or by calling 1-860-594-0200.

West Central Louisiana Amateur Radio Club of Leesville Communication trailer granted by Vernon Parish Police Jury has been greatly improving. The work station and the small kitchen is now ready. Outside of the trailer have a logo of the Emergency Communication Unit, WCLARC emblem and the ARRL emblem. The club's and ARES member donated their time and equipments to make it happen.

Lonnie Jacob Jr. KD5Z is officially promoted to ARRL Technical Coordinator for Louisiana Section, and will no longer held the position of Technical Specialist.

The Glasgow Middle School ARC in Baton Rouge is now ARRL Affiliated Club. We are looking forward to see more ham clubs formed at our individual Parish school in Louisiana.

The AARA in conjunction with the Children Museum of Acadiana gave Technician Amateur License. Ages from ten (10) to fifty (50) has signed up for the courses. There were twenty-four (24) who signed up for the class and on November 15, 2007 a test session was held for the eighteen (18) who took the test, and fifteen (15) ended up passing their Technician License. There are four (4) students that belong in one family.

Congratulation to our new TECHNICIANS.

|                |        |               |        |
|----------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Cheri Valenti  | KE5RPE | Barbara Fain  | KE5RPP |
| Jack Meyers    | KE5RPJ | Jim Wattigny  | KE5RPK |
| Paula Roberts  | KE5RPD | Leah Wyatt    | KE5RPF |
| Bruce Roberts  | KE5RUM | Glenda Tucker | KE5RPG |
| Karen Marshall | KE5RPI | Joe Ann Pugh  | KE5RPL |
| Joe Fain, Sr.  | KE5RPQ | Robert Roy    | KE5RPC |
| Gayle Guidry   | KE5RPN | Catherine Roy | KE5RPH |
| Donald Guidry  | KE5RPO | Archibal Hill | KE5RPM |

Karen Marshall KE5RPI was the first to used her new call sign to make her first contact to Herman KN5GRK.

A group of children was given a treat to talk to Santa in the Children's Museum of Acadiana. They have a two hours via 2 meters to talk to Santa. Greg AD5HA in Washington, Louisiana, played Santa. He talked to them and asked few question as their name, age, and if they had been good and their Christmas wish to have. They are from five (5) to ten (10) years old. While talking to Santa, you should have seen the smile on their faces. All the ham members have a big kick out of it. The happy hammies who make this possible are John KA5BSE, Fred W5MLE, and his wife Karen KE5RPI (NEW TECH), Nick K5QXJ and Herman KN5GRK.

Congratulation to our new Louisiana Section Traffic Manger Tom N5KWB (STM) and Benny K5WV (LCW) to be serving an important leadership positions.

I wish everyone and their family a safe joyous holiday. I give thanks for friendship as we celebrate Christmas with our loved ones.

Virginia Bryant KE5DJA

ARRL LOUISIANA SECTION Public Information Officer

## LOUISIANA QSO PARTY

1500Z Feb. 9 - 0300Z Feb. 10, 2008

Sponsored by:

### THIBODAUX AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

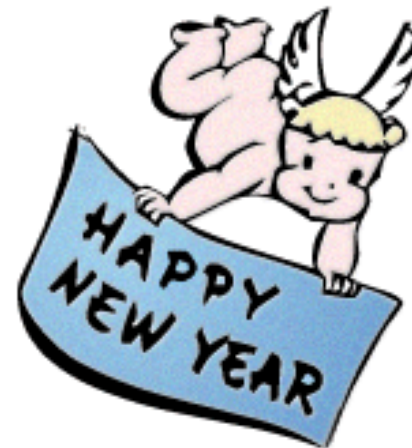
Thibodaux, Louisiana

The purpose of the of Louisiana QSO Party is to promote activity from Louisiana amateur radio stations and hopefully give amateurs worldwide a contact from Louisiana

Regardless if you are a serious or casual participant ... from Louisiana, or from outside of Louisiana ... the Louisiana QSO Party was designed to be a FUN operating event. Why not give it a try?

The Thibodaux Amateur Radio Club

[laqso@bellsouth.net](mailto:laqso@bellsouth.net)  
<http://www.w5yl.org/>

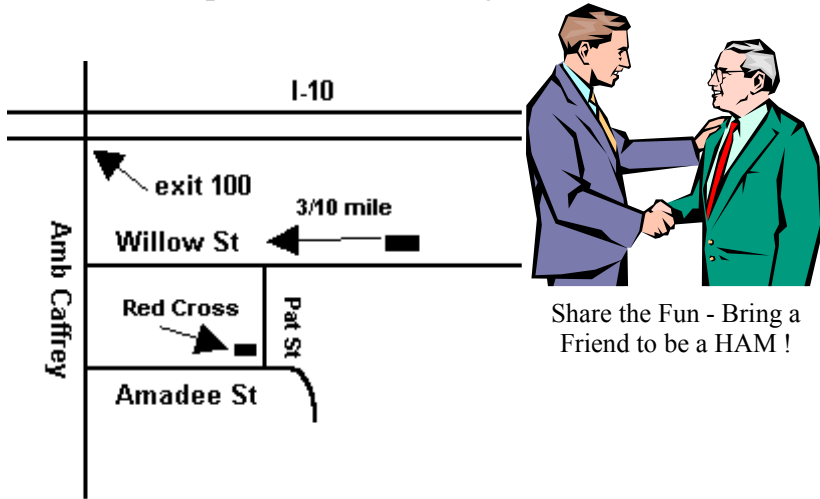


**Help keep amateur radio alive in Acadiana for 2008.**

**Get involved, meet and make friends with others in this hobby.**

**Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.**  
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Share the Fun - Bring a  
Friend to be a HAM !

**AARA GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday January 3, 2007—7:00 PM**  
**Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA**

COMPLEMENTARY  
ISSUE

**Pay your dues if not so done already!**

## **Lemon Herbed Top Sirloin**

- |                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 top sirloin steaks    | 1/2 tsp dried basil        |
| 1 TBS lemon zest        | 1 tsp Worcestershire sauce |
| 1 lemon - juiced        | 1/2 tsp kosher salt        |
| 1 garlic clove - minced | 1/8 tsp black pepper       |
| 1/2 tsp dried thyme     | 1 TBS olive oil            |
| 1/2 tsp dried parsley   |                            |

### **Directions:**

Combine all of the ingredients in a medium sized bowl. Mix well. Rub steaks with mixture. Allow steaks to marinate for 30 minutes to one hour.

Place the steaks on a preheated grill. Sear on each side on high heat for 2 -3 minutes. Turn down the heat and cook to your desired doneness.

Servings: 4

Source: KC Steak Company  
(<http://www.kansascitysteaks.com/Lemon-Herbed-Top-Sirloin.5.htm>)

Submit your favorite recipes to:

Herman KN5GRK at:  
[kn5grk@bellsouth.net](mailto:kn5grk@bellsouth.net)



## **FCC LICENSE INFO SERVICE**

The FCC toll-free (WATS) number for Amateur Radio license inquiries - including inquiries about vanity and new call signs. The number, 888-225-5322, will connect callers to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at 202-414-1250 or [ulscmm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscmm@fcc.gov).

Web site:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is: Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245